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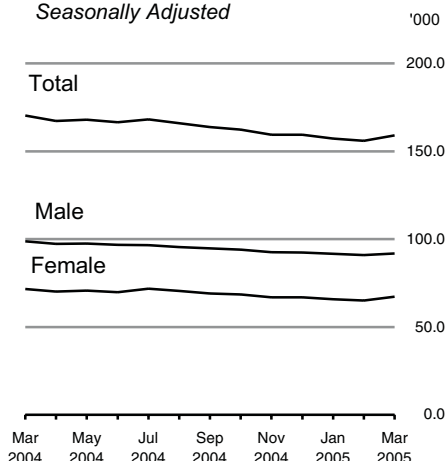
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Live Register Analysis

March 2005

Live Register

Seasonally Adjusted



	Live Register Total	Seasonally Adjusted
March 2004	168,880	170,300
February 2005	158,649	155,900
March 2005	157,675	159,000
Change in month	-974	+3,100
Change in year	-11,205	-11,300

Seasonally adjusted Live Register increases by 3,100 in March

The seasonally adjusted Live Register total increased from 155,900 in February to 159,000 in March, an increase of 3,100. This compares with a decrease of 100 in March last year. *See table 2a and graph opposite.*

In the year to March 2005 there was an unadjusted decrease of 11,205 (-6.6%). This compares with an unadjusted decrease of 14,478 (-8.4%) recorded in the year to February 2005.

Other features include:

- ◆ The monthly increase in the Seasonally Adjusted series was made up of an increase of 2,200 females and 900 males. *See table 2a.*
- ◆ The standardised unemployment rate in March was 4.3%. This compares with 4.4% in October 2004, based on the Quarterly National Household Survey. *See table 3 and background notes.*
- ◆ In the month, the estimated number of casual and part-time workers on the Live Register was 8,210 males and 13,373 females. *See background notes.*

The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time workers (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Benefit. Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey and the latest seasonally adjusted figure, for September to November 2004, is 86,900 persons unemployed.

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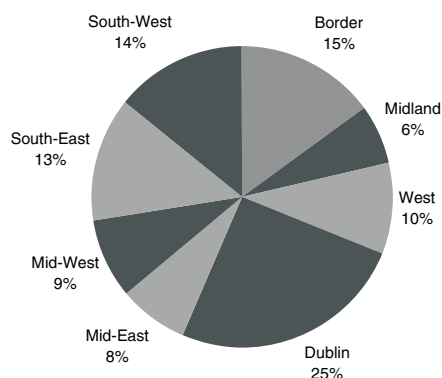
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Live Register by Regional Authority



	March 2005	Monthly Change	Annual Change
Border, Midland and Western	48,950	- 550	- 3,439
Border	23,448	- 430	- 2,250
Midland	10,079	+ 6	- 252
West	15,423	- 126	- 937
Southern and Eastern	108,725	- 424	- 7,766
Dublin	39,802	+ 94	- 3,875
Mid-East	12,088	- 8	- 569
Mid-West	13,595	- 160	- 1,345
South-East	20,980	+ 44	- 737
South-West	22,260	- 394	- 1,240
Total	157,675	- 974	- 11,205

Monthly decreases in all regions

There was an unadjusted monthly decrease of 974 (-0.6%) on the Live Register, which reflected decreases in five regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the Border (-1.8%) and South-West regions (-1.7%). The largest percentage increases were in the Dublin and South-East regions (both +0.2%).

Other features in the month include:

- ◆ The number of males decreased in all regions. The largest percentage decreases were in the Border and Mid-West regions (both -2.1%).
- ◆ The number of females also increased in five regions and decreased in three. The largest percentage increase was in the South-East region (+2.0%), while the biggest decrease was in the South-West region (-2.6%).
- ◆ Amongst counties, the largest percentage decreases were in Kerry (-4.3%) and in Monaghan (-3.2%), while the biggest increases were in Carlow (+2.3%) and Waterford (+1.2%). *See tables 4 and 6.*

Table 1a Total persons on the Live Register

Category	March 2004	February 2005	March 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	37,655	31,469	30,686	- 783	- 6,969
UA Applications	59,376	59,702	59,385	- 317	+ 9
Other Registrants	2,661	2,712	2,715	+ 3	+ 54
Total	99,692	93,883	92,786	- 1,097	- 6,906
Females					
UB Claims	38,185	33,711	34,217	+ 506	- 3,968
UA Applications	22,554	23,138	22,868	- 270	+ 314
Other Registrants	8,449	7,917	7,804	- 113	- 645
Total	69,188	64,766	64,889	+ 123	- 4,299
All Persons					
UB Claims	75,840	65,180	64,903	- 277	- 10,937
UA Applications	81,930	82,840	82,253	- 587	+ 323
Other Registrants	11,110	10,629	10,519	- 110	- 591
Total	168,880	158,649	157,675	- 974	- 11,205

Table 1b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register

Category	March 2004	February 2005	March 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	6,852	5,110	5,013	- 97	- 1,839
UA Applications	12,095	12,731	12,605	- 126	+ 510
Other Registrants	36	43	41	- 2	+ 5
Total	18,983	17,884	17,659	- 225	- 1,324
Females					
UB Claims	5,210	4,074	3,903	- 171	- 1,307
UA Applications	8,476	8,932	8,740	- 192	+ 264
Other Registrants	92	87	91	+ 4	- 1
Total	13,778	13,093	12,734	- 359	- 1,044
All Persons					
UB Claims	12,062	9,184	8,916	- 268	- 3,146
UA Applications	20,571	21,663	21,345	- 318	+ 774
Other Registrants	128	130	132	+ 2	+ 4
Total	32,761	30,977	30,393	- 584	- 2,368

Table 1c Persons 25 years of age and over on the Live Register

Category	March 2004	February 2005	March 2005	Monthly change	Annual change
Males					
UB Claims	30,803	26,359	25,673	- 686	- 5,130
UA Applications	47,281	46,971	46,780	- 191	- 501
Other Registrants	2,625	2,669	2,674	+ 5	+ 49
Total	80,709	75,999	75,127	- 872	- 5,582
Females					
UB Claims	32,975	29,637	30,314	+ 677	- 2,661
UA Applications	14,078	14,206	14,128	- 78	+ 50
Other Registrants	8,357	7,830	7,713	- 117	- 644
Total	55,410	51,673	52,155	+ 482	- 3,255
All Persons					
UB Claims	63,778	55,996	55,987	- 9	- 7,791
UA Applications	61,359	61,177	60,908	- 269	- 451
Other Registrants	10,982	10,499	10,387	- 112	- 595
Total	136,119	127,672	127,282	- 390	- 8,837

Table 2a Total persons on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2003	March	100,500	67,600	168,100	99,600	70,000	169,600
	April	100,300	70,600	170,900	100,400	73,000	173,500
	May	98,300	67,800	166,100	100,500	71,500	172,000
	June	101,600	76,300	177,900	101,800	73,700	175,500
	July	103,600	81,900	185,400	102,000	74,300	176,300
	August	103,800	82,200	186,000	102,000	74,200	176,200
	September	98,800	72,100	170,800	100,800	73,200	174,000
	October	96,300	70,300	166,600	100,000	73,300	173,200
	November	96,100	68,400	164,500	99,300	72,600	171,800
	December	99,200	71,500	170,600	98,700	72,200	170,900
2004	January	102,500	72,000	174,500	98,900	72,300	171,200
	February	101,600	71,600	173,100	98,600	71,800	170,400
	March	99,700	69,200	168,900	98,800	71,500	170,300
	April	97,100	67,600	164,700	97,200	70,100	167,200
	May	95,100	66,900	162,000	97,400	70,600	167,900
	June	96,600	72,300	169,000	96,800	69,700	166,500
	July	98,100	79,400	177,500	96,500	71,700	168,200
	August	97,200	78,600	175,800	95,400	70,500	165,900
	September	92,600	67,800	160,500	94,700	69,100	163,800
	October	90,100	65,300	155,500	93,900	68,400	162,300
	November	89,300	62,700	152,000	92,500	66,900	159,400
	December	92,700	66,100	158,800	92,300	66,900	159,300
2005	January	95,200	65,300	160,500	91,600	65,700	157,200
	February	93,900	64,800	158,600	90,900	65,000	155,900
	March	92,800	64,900	157,700	91,800	67,200	159,000

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2004 (See Background Notes).

Table 2b Persons under 25 years of age on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2003	March	18,900	13,400	32,200	18,800	13,900	32,600
	April	18,700	13,400	32,000	18,900	14,200	33,000
	May	18,400	13,300	31,700	19,000	14,100	33,200
	June	19,600	15,600	35,200	19,400	14,800	34,300
	July	20,500	16,800	37,300	19,600	15,000	34,500
	August	20,500	16,900	37,300	19,500	15,000	34,500
	September	19,100	15,000	34,100	19,300	14,700	33,900
	October	17,800	13,800	31,600	18,900	14,500	33,400
	November	17,700	13,500	31,100	18,800	14,400	33,200
	December	18,100	13,400	31,400	18,500	14,300	32,800
2004	January	19,500	14,200	33,800	18,700	14,400	33,000
	February	19,300	14,200	33,600	18,600	14,300	32,900
	March	19,000	13,800	32,800	18,800	14,300	33,100
	April	18,100	13,200	31,300	18,300	14,000	32,300
	May	17,700	13,300	30,900	18,300	14,100	32,400
	June	18,300	14,800	33,100	18,200	14,000	32,200
	July	18,800	16,000	34,900	17,900	14,200	32,100
	August	18,700	15,900	34,600	17,800	14,000	31,800
	September	17,600	14,200	31,800	17,800	13,800	31,600
	October	16,400	12,800	29,200	17,500	13,500	31,000
	November	16,200	12,300	28,500	17,300	13,300	30,600
	December	16,700	12,200	28,900	17,200	13,200	30,400
2005	January	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,100	13,200	30,300
	February	17,900	13,100	31,000	17,100	13,100	30,300
	March	17,700	12,700	30,400	17,500	13,200	30,700

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2004 (See Background Notes).

Table 2c Persons 25 years of age and over on the Live Register - Unadjusted and Seasonally Adjusted

	Month	Unadjusted Series			Seasonally Adjusted Series ¹		
		Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2003	March	81,600	54,200	135,800	80,900	56,100	137,000
	April	81,600	57,300	138,900	81,500	58,900	140,400
	May	79,900	54,500	134,400	81,500	57,400	138,900
	June	82,000	60,700	142,700	82,300	58,900	141,200
	July	83,100	65,000	148,200	82,500	59,300	141,800
	August	83,300	65,300	148,600	82,400	59,300	141,700
	September	79,700	57,000	136,700	81,500	58,500	140,100
	October	78,500	56,500	134,900	81,000	58,800	139,800
	November	78,500	55,000	133,400	80,500	58,100	138,600
	December	81,100	58,100	139,200	80,200	57,900	138,100
2004	January	83,000	57,800	140,800	80,200	58,000	138,200
	February	82,200	57,300	139,500	80,000	57,500	137,500
	March	80,700	55,400	136,100	79,900	57,200	137,200
	April	79,000	54,300	133,300	78,900	56,000	134,900
	May	77,500	53,600	131,000	79,100	56,500	135,500
	June	78,300	57,500	135,800	78,600	55,600	134,300
	July	79,300	63,300	142,600	78,600	57,500	136,100
	August	78,500	62,700	141,200	77,600	56,500	134,100
	September	75,000	53,600	128,700	76,900	55,200	132,100
	October	73,800	52,600	126,300	76,400	54,900	131,200
	November	73,100	50,400	123,500	75,200	53,600	128,800
	December	76,000	53,900	129,900	75,100	53,700	128,900
2005	January	77,300	52,200	129,500	74,500	52,500	127,000
	February	76,000	51,700	127,700	73,700	51,900	125,600
	March	75,100	52,200	127,300	74,300	54,000	128,300

¹ Based on seasonal patterns up to December 2004 (See Background Notes).

Table 3 Seasonally Adjusted Standardised Unemployment Rates (SUR)

Month	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
January ¹	5.9	4.8	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.2
February	5.9	4.7	3.7	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.2
March	5.9	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.3
April ¹	5.9	4.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	4.6	
May	5.8	4.2	3.9	4.3	4.6	4.5	
June	5.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.7	4.4	
July ¹	5.4	4.0	4.0	4.3	4.8	4.4	
August	5.3	4.0	3.9	4.4	4.7	4.4	
September	5.2	3.9	3.9	4.5	4.6	4.4	
October ¹	5.1	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.6	4.4 ²	
November	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.6	4.5	4.3	
December	4.9	3.8	4.3	4.6	4.4	4.3	
Annual average	5.5	4.2	3.9	4.4	4.6	4.4	

¹ Benchmark Labour Force Survey/Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) estimates.

² The latest QNHS estimate of the unemployment rate (adjusted for seasonality) is: September - November 2004, 4.4%.

Table 4 Persons on the Live Register classified by Region

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions ¹	March 2004	February 2005	March 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Males							
Border, Midland & Western	30,454	28,525	28,067	- 458	- 2,387	5,288	22,779
Border	15,260	14,021	13,731	- 290	- 1,529	2,617	11,114
Midland	5,658	5,533	5,477	- 56	- 181	1,128	4,349
West	9,536	8,971	8,859	- 112	- 677	1,543	7,316
Southern & Eastern	69,238	65,358	64,719	- 639	- 4,519	12,371	52,348
Dublin	27,556	25,313	25,188	- 125	- 2,368	5,068	20,120
Mid-East	7,075	6,823	6,742	- 81	- 333	1,241	5,501
Mid-West	8,537	7,920	7,754	- 166	- 783	1,519	6,235
South-East	12,441	12,235	12,108	- 127	- 333	2,418	9,690
South-West	13,629	13,067	12,927	- 140	- 702	2,125	10,802
Total	99,692	93,883	92,786	- 1,097	- 6,906	17,659	75,127
Females							
Border, Midland & Western	21,935	20,975	20,883	- 92	- 1,052	4,253	16,630
Border	10,438	9,857	9,717	- 140	- 721	2,079	7,638
Midland	4,673	4,540	4,602	+ 62	- 71	983	3,619
West	6,824	6,578	6,564	- 14	- 260	1,191	5,373
Southern & Eastern	47,253	43,791	44,006	+ 215	- 3,247	8,481	35,525
Dublin	16,121	14,395	14,614	+ 219	- 1,507	2,961	11,653
Mid-East	5,582	5,273	5,346	+ 73	- 236	941	4,405
Mid-West	6,403	5,835	5,841	+ 6	- 562	1,164	4,677
South-East	9,276	8,701	8,872	+ 171	- 404	1,825	7,047
South-West	9,871	9,587	9,333	- 254	- 538	1,590	7,743
Total	69,188	64,766	64,889	+ 123	- 4,299	12,734	52,155
All Persons							
Border, Midland & Western	52,389	49,500	48,950	- 550	- 3,439	9,541	39,409
Border	25,698	23,878	23,448	- 430	- 2,250	4,696	18,752
Midland	10,331	10,073	10,079	+ 6	- 252	2,111	7,968
West	16,360	15,549	15,423	- 126	- 937	2,734	12,689
Southern & Eastern	116,491	109,149	108,725	- 424	- 7,766	20,852	87,873
Dublin	43,677	39,708	39,802	+ 94	- 3,875	8,029	31,773
Mid-East	12,657	12,096	12,088	- 8	- 569	2,182	9,906
Mid-West	14,940	13,755	13,595	- 160	- 1,345	2,683	10,912
South-East	21,717	20,936	20,980	+ 44	- 737	4,243	16,737
South-West	23,500	22,654	22,260	- 394	- 1,240	3,715	18,545
Total	168,880	158,649	157,675	- 974	- 11,205	30,393	127,282

¹ The composition of the regions is described in the Background Notes.

Table 5 Persons on the Live Register classified by Province

Provinces	March 2004	February 2005	March 2005	Monthly change	Annual change	Under 25 years	25 years & over
Provinces							
Leinster	86,279	80,345	80,329	- 16	- 5,950	15,973	64,356
Munster	48,188	45,926	45,441	- 485	- 2,747	8,397	37,044
Connacht	19,743	18,593	18,435	- 158	- 1,308	3,309	15,126
Ulster	14,670	13,785	13,470	- 315	- 1,200	2,714	10,756
Total	168,880	158,649	157,675	- 974	- 11,205	30,393	127,282

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	March 2004	February 2005	March 2005	Males			Females		
				Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Border, Midland and Western	52,389	49,500	48,950	5,288	22,779	28,067	4,253	16,630	20,883
Border	25,698	23,878	23,448	2,617	11,114	13,731	2,079	7,638	9,717
Cavan	2,125	2,165	2,154	197	1,015	1,212	168	774	942
Belturbet	448	415	417	29	229	258	16	143	159
Cavan	1,677	1,750	1,737	168	786	954	152	631	783
Donegal	10,037	9,304	9,073	1,035	4,404	5,439	875	2,759	3,634
Ballybofey	830	783	775	99	359	458	113	204	317
Ballyshannon	549	521	499	57	228	285	56	158	214
Buncrana	1,795	1,689	1,696	153	772	925	206	565	771
Donegal	503	463	433	52	196	248	40	145	185
Dunfanaghy	1,006	934	878	115	444	559	55	264	319
Dungloe	1,561	1,436	1,432	155	732	887	59	486	545
Killybegs	1,015	905	870	62	462	524	63	283	346
Letterkenney	2,778	2,573	2,490	342	1,211	1,553	283	654	937
Leitrim	1,197	1,037	1,017	85	465	550	62	405	467
Carrick-on-Shannon	905	796	779	68	350	418	47	314	361
Manorhamilton	292	241	238	17	115	132	15	91	106
Louth	7,645	7,049	6,966	808	3,256	4,064	599	2,303	2,902
Ardee	951	902	884	117	349	466	79	339	418
Drogheda	3,505	3,275	3,244	353	1,472	1,825	275	1,144	1,419
Dundalk	3,189	2,872	2,838	338	1,435	1,773	245	820	1,065
Monaghan	2,508	2,316	2,243	233	1,035	1,268	206	769	975
Carrickmacross	679	618	599	36	247	283	49	267	316
Castleblayney	756	702	673	72	319	391	58	224	282
Clones	320	290	284	41	151	192	25	67	92
Monaghan	753	706	687	84	318	402	74	211	285
Sligo	2,186	2,007	1,995	259	939	1,198	169	628	797
Sligo	1,823	1,678	1,670	233	778	1,011	144	515	659
Tubbercurry	363	329	325	26	161	187	25	113	138
Midland	10,331	10,073	10,079	1,128	4,349	5,477	983	3,619	4,602
Laoighis	2,101	2,017	2,025	237	887	1,124	213	688	901
Portarlinton	785	779	773	83	307	390	89	294	383
Portlaoise	935	886	913	117	413	530	92	291	383
Rathdowney	381	352	339	37	167	204	32	103	135
Longford	1,761	1,772	1,770	196	800	996	175	599	774
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Offaly	2,824	2,655	2,619	294	1,180	1,474	254	891	1,145
Birr	898	866	818	99	338	437	96	285	381
Edenderry	686	651	634	57	286	343	47	244	291
Tullamore	1,240	1,138	1,167	138	556	694	111	362	473
Westmeath	3,645	3,629	3,665	401	1,482	1,883	341	1,441	1,782
Athlone	1,549	1,529	1,548	189	634	823	130	595	725
Castlepollard	326	372	363	30	158	188	32	143	175
Mullingar	1,770	1,728	1,754	182	690	872	179	703	882
West	16,360	15,549	15,423	1,543	7,316	8,859	1,191	5,373	6,564
Galway	9,175	8,873	8,842	933	4,211	5,144	732	2,966	3,698
Ballinasloe	1,097	991	957	113	467	580	73	304	377
Clifden	884	817	767	73	384	457	57	253	310
Galway	4,907	4,832	4,918	587	2,355	2,942	470	1,506	1,976
Gort	455	440	443	23	171	194	24	225	249
Loughrea	674	693	677	56	288	344	52	281	333
Tuam	1,158	1,100	1,080	81	546	627	56	397	453

Table 6 Persons on the Live Register classified by Sex, Age Group and Local Office of Registration

-continued				Males			Females		
NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	March 2004	February 2005	March 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
Mayo	5,863	5,375	5,297	472	2,483	2,955	379	1,963	2,342
Achill	315	283	274	26	156	182	15	77	92
Ballina	1,697	1,574	1,540	149	773	922	132	486	618
Ballinrobe	406	410	386	29	162	191	22	173	195
Belmullet	616	560	553	53	297	350	33	170	203
Castlebar	964	856	865	76	348	424	64	377	441
Claremorris	488	418	424	31	176	207	20	197	217
Swinford	746	671	683	69	284	353	55	275	330
Westport	631	603	572	39	287	326	38	208	246
Roscommon	1,322	1,301	1,284	138	622	760	80	444	524
Boyle	344	335	326	30	156	186	11	129	140
Castlerea	627	612	619	55	327	382	44	193	237
Roscommon	351	354	339	53	139	192	25	122	147
Southern and Eastern	116,491	109,149	108,725	12,371	52,348	64,719	8,481	35,525	44,006
Dublin	43,677	39,708	39,802	5,068	20,120	25,188	2,961	11,653	14,614
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Bishop Square	4,134	3,656	3,682	407	2,003	2,410	211	1,061	1,272
Cumberland Street	5,726	5,135	5,157	650	2,629	3,279	370	1,508	1,878
Navan Road	2,679	2,581	2,595	326	1,463	1,789	199	607	806
Blanchardstown	3,490	3,267	3,179	386	1,424	1,810	299	1,070	1,369
Thomas Street	2,460	2,251	2,270	260	1,313	1,573	167	530	697
Tara Street	1,354	1,181	1,168	108	666	774	51	343	394
Tallaght	3,476	3,184	3,273	597	1,537	2,134	357	782	1,139
Ballymun	1,499	1,477	1,474	252	743	995	135	344	479
Clondalkin	3,106	3,043	3,056	469	1,421	1,890	296	870	1,166
Rathfarnham	2,086	1,835	1,883	164	886	1,050	77	756	833
Kilbarrack	2,930	2,462	2,416	218	1,281	1,499	113	804	917
Dun Laoghaire	3,014	2,576	2,576	209	1,263	1,472	104	1,000	1,104
Balbriggan	1,296	1,187	1,204	125	545	670	78	456	534
Ballyfermot	1,273	1,273	1,272	203	633	836	156	280	436
Finglas	2,347	2,168	2,174	344	1,089	1,433	157	584	741
Coolock	2,807	2,432	2,423	350	1,224	1,574	191	658	849
Mid-East	12,657	12,096	12,088	1,241	5,501	6,742	941	4,405	5,346
Kildare	4,745	4,452	4,432	436	1,925	2,361	392	1,679	2,071
Athy	873	822	837	79	390	469	97	271	368
Maynooth	1,573	1,410	1,358	129	539	668	112	578	690
Newbridge	2,299	2,220	2,237	228	996	1,224	183	830	1,013
Meath	3,329	3,125	3,120	287	1,392	1,679	228	1,213	1,441
Kells	611	594	591	55	272	327	49	215	264
Navan	1,911	1,789	1,786	172	820	992	121	673	794
Trim	807	742	743	60	300	360	58	325	383
Wicklow	4,583	4,519	4,536	518	2,184	2,702	321	1,513	1,834
Arklow	1,312	1,308	1,268	157	640	797	100	371	471
Baltinglass	449	461	471	56	190	246	50	175	225
Bray	1,951	1,905	1,936	189	950	1,139	111	686	797
Wicklow	871	845	861	116	404	520	60	281	341
Mid-West	14,940	13,755	13,595	1,519	6,235	7,754	1,164	4,677	5,841
Clare	4,160	3,984	3,914	359	1,772	2,131	282	1,501	1,783
Ennis	2,445	2,349	2,315	242	1,027	1,269	164	882	1,046
Ennistymon	670	639	626	39	293	332	42	252	294
Kilrush	629	594	571	44	275	319	52	200	252
Tulla	416	402	402	34	177	211	24	167	191
Limerick	8,154	7,241	7,195	903	3,437	4,340	658	2,197	2,855
Kilmallock	880	818	765	85	391	476	64	225	289
Limerick	6,322	5,475	5,479	731	2,599	3,330	487	1,662	2,149
Newcastle West	952	948	951	87	447	534	107	310	417

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-continued NUTS2 and NUTS3 Regions/County/ Local Office	Males						Females		
	March 2004	February 2005	March 2005	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total	Under 25 years	25 years & over	Total
North Tipperary	2,626	2,530	2,486	257	1,026	1,283	224	979	1,203
Nenagh	947	985	944	74	395	469	62	413	475
Roscrea	501	531	516	52	189	241	51	224	275
Thurles	1,178	1,014	1,026	131	442	573	111	342	453
South-East	21,717	20,936	20,980	2,418	9,690	12,108	1,825	7,047	8,872
Carlow	2,309	2,272	2,324	280	996	1,276	237	811	1,048
Bagenalstown	572	588	569	58	271	329	53	187	240
Carlow	1,280	1,211	1,271	162	542	704	130	437	567
Tullow	457	473	484	60	183	243	54	187	241
Kilkenny	2,618	2,524	2,478	266	1,204	1,470	220	788	1,008
Callan	371	0	0 ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilkenny	1,839	2,111	2,064	223	996	1,219	184	661	845
Thomastown	408	413	414	43	208	251	36	127	163
South Tipperary	3,839	3,465	3,464	447	1,648	2,095	291	1,078	1,369
Cahir	507	445	437	47	217	264	35	138	173
Carrick-on-Suir	949	910	945	92	511	603	73	269	342
Cashel	416	370	381	51	162	213	26	142	168
Clonmel	1,200	1,100	1,055	153	501	654	93	308	401
Tipperary	767	640	646	104	257	361	64	221	285
Waterford	5,909	6,052	6,122	788	2,896	3,684	473	1,965	2,438
Dungarvan	971	867	882	84	420	504	69	309	378
Waterford	4,938	5,185	5,240	704	2,476	3,180	404	1,656	2,060
Wexford	7,042	6,623	6,592	637	2,946	3,583	604	2,405	3,009
Enniscorthy	1,749	1,733	1,696	213	755	968	198	530	728
Gorey	1,239	1,181	1,190	108	533	641	104	445	549
New Ross	1,148	1,091	1,112	107	516	623	102	387	489
Wexford	2,906	2,618	2,594	209	1,142	1,351	200	1,043	1,243
South-West	23,500	22,654	22,260	2,125	10,802	12,927	1,590	7,743	9,333
Cork	16,910	15,851	15,748	1,542	7,775	9,317	1,107	5,324	6,431
Bandon	526	512	514	44	254	298	28	188	216
Bantry	420	396	388	25	150	175	18	195	213
Bantry (SWLO)	219	196	185	5	76	81	5	99	104
Clonakilty	474	466	441	22	201	223	21	197	218
Cobh	424	429	428	54	200	254	35	139	174
Cork	8,317	7,519	7,585	927	4,062	4,989	597	1,999	2,596
Dunmanway	186	207	195	17	71	88	17	90	107
Fermoy	820	869	882	72	435	507	55	320	375
Kinsale	679	620	628	33	263	296	33	299	332
Macroom	515	442	445	27	201	228	20	197	217
Mallow	862	764	734	74	385	459	67	208	275
Midleton	1,049	1,091	1,060	76	467	543	75	442	517
Newmarket	503	488	477	43	235	278	30	169	199
Passage West	799	755	755	56	338	394	48	313	361
Skibbereen	393	405	372	25	137	162	11	199	210
Youghal	724	692	659	42	300	342	47	270	317
Kerry	6,590	6,803	6,512	583	3,027	3,610	483	2,419	2,902
Cahirciveen	450	424	408	14	157	171	21	216	237
Dingle	334	371	348	14	153	167	20	161	181
Kenmare	197	236	196	9	73	82	13	101	114
Killarney	1,180	1,240	1,193	92	489	581	87	525	612
Killorglin	450	478	436	24	176	200	22	214	236
Listowel	1,029	1,049	999	118	501	619	82	298	380
Tralee	2,950	3,005	2,932	312	1,478	1,790	238	904	1,142
State	168,880	158,649	157,675	17,659	75,127	92,786	12,734	52,155	64,889

¹ The register of the Callan Branch Office is included with the Kilkenny Local Office register with effect from February 2005.

Table 7 Summary of average net weekly changes on the Live Register classified by sex

		Number of weeks	Males		Females		Total	
			Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change	Live Register	Average net weekly change
2003	March	4	100,459	- 392	67,600	- 442	168,059	- 834
	April	4	100,328	- 33	70,612	+ 753	170,940	+ 720
	May	5	98,261	- 413	67,844	- 554	166,105	- 967
	June	4	101,574	+ 828	76,278	+ 2,109	177,852	+ 2,937
	July	4	103,590	+ 504	81,857	+ 1,395	185,447	+ 1,899
	August	5	103,766	+ 35	82,187	+ 66	185,953	+ 101
	September	4	98,759	- 1,252	72,063	- 2,531	170,822	- 3,783
	October	5	96,261	- 500	70,291	- 354	166,552	- 854
	November	4	96,119	- 36	68,422	- 467	164,541	- 503
	December	4	99,153	+ 759	71,451	+ 757	170,604	+ 1,516
2004	January	5	102,527	+ 675	72,002	+ 110	174,529	+ 785
	February	4	101,561	- 242	71,566	- 109	173,127	- 351
	March	4	99,692	- 467	69,188	- 595	168,880	- 1,062
	April	5	97,089	- 521	67,571	- 323	164,660	- 844
	May	4	95,122	- 492	66,850	- 180	161,972	- 672
	June	4	96,646	+ 381	72,306	+ 1,364	168,952	+ 1,745
	July	5	98,134	+ 298	79,367	+ 1,412	177,501	+ 1,710
	August	4	97,216	- 230	78,600	- 192	175,816	- 421
	September	4	92,629	- 1,147	67,837	- 2,691	160,466	- 3,838
	October	5	90,133	- 499	65,343	- 499	155,476	- 998
	November	4	89,303	- 208	62,663	- 670	151,966	- 878
	December	5	92,707	+ 681	66,109	+ 689	158,816	+ 1,370
2005	January	4	95,207	+ 625	65,336	- 193	160,543	+ 432
	February	4	93,883	- 331	64,766	- 143	158,649	- 474
	March	4	92,786	- 274	64,889	+ 31	157,675	- 244

Background Notes

Source and scope of the Live Register The Live Register is compiled from returns made directly to the Central Statistics Office by each local office of the Department of Social and Family Affairs. It comprises persons under 65 years of age in the following classes:

- ◆ All Claimants for Unemployment Benefit (UB) excluding systematic short-time workers
- ◆ Applicants for Unemployment Assistance (UA) excluding smallholders/farm assists and other self-employed persons
- ◆ Other registrants including applicants for credited Social Welfare contributions but excluding those directly involved in an industrial dispute.

Descriptive articles The compilation basis for the Live Register statistics from May 1992 onwards is described in the September 1992 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*. The March 1980 issue contained a description of the basis used up to April 1992 while a more comprehensive treatment of Live Register statistics appeared in the "Report of the Inter-Departmental Study Group on Unemployment Statistics" (Stationery Office Dublin, Prl.7925, April 1979). The results of a special study of the differences between the Labour Force Survey (LFS) Estimates of Unemployment and the Live Register are contained in the December 1996 issue of the *Statistical Bulletin*.

Unemployment statistics The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time (those who work up to three days a week), seasonal and casual workers entitled to Unemployment Assistance or Unemployment Benefit. **Unemployment is measured by the Quarterly National Household Survey** (formerly the Annual Labour Force Survey).

Standardised unemployment rates The Standardised Unemployment Rate (SUR) series in Table 3 is based on the estimated number of persons unemployed expressed as a percentage of the total economically active population (i.e. the Labour Force), using internationally comparable definitions of employment and unemployment, as recommended by the International Labour Office. Benchmark estimates of the SUR for January, April, July and October of each year are calculated using seasonally adjusted data from the Quarterly National Household Survey. The monthly trend in the seasonally adjusted Live Register is then used to estimate the monthly SUR between successive surveys.

This approach was temporarily suspended following the rapid decline in the Live Register after September 1996. A linear interpolation estimation approach was used between April 1996 and April 1997, as the Live Register series could not be used as an indicator of monthly trends in unemployment during that period. The traditional estimation approach has been used from April 1997 onwards.

QNHS The Quarterly National Household Survey, which began in September 1997, has now replaced the Labour Force Survey and provides quarterly estimates of the unemployment rate. The estimates (adjusted for seasonality) are:

	Q1 %	Q2 %	Q3 %	Q4 %
1998	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.5
1999	5.9	5.9	5.4	5.1
2000	4.8	4.4	4.0	3.9
2001	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0
2002	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.6
2003	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.6
2004	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.4

Seasonal adjustment The seasonal adjustment of the Live Register is completed using the X-11 Variant of the US Bureau of Census Method 2 (Additive Option). The seasonally adjusted series are updated twice yearly, in January and July; pending the next updating, seasonal adjustment for intervening months is carried out using projected seasonal factors. In Tables 2a, b and c, the seasonally adjusted totals are the sum of the relevant seasonally adjusted series for males and females, under and over 25 years.

Casual and part-time workers The casual and part-time workers' figure is based on an estimate supplied by the Department of Social and Family Affairs. People may apply for Unemployment Benefit / Assistance if they only work for part of a week and be included on the Live Register.

Live Register Area Analysis The basis of the area classification used in this release is the Department of Social and Family Affairs local office of registration. The areas served by Local Employment Offices do not correspond to specific geographic boundaries. Therefore, registrants at a given local office do not necessarily come from a particular region or area which can be precisely delineated. A classification by area of residence of persons on the Live Register was published until January 1989 but was then discontinued.

NUTS2 and NUTS3 regions The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS3 regions.

Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region

Border	Cavan
	Donegal
	Leitrim
	Louth
	Monaghan
	Sligo
Midland	Laoighis
	Longford
	Offaly
	Westmeath
West	Galway City
	Galway County
	Mayo
	Roscommon

Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region

Dublin	Dublin
	Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown
	Fingal
	South Dublin
Mid-East	Kildare
	Meath
	Wicklow
Mid-West	Clare
	Limerick City
	Limerick County
	North Tipperary
South-East	Carlow
	Kilkenny
	South Tipperary
	Waterford City
	Waterford County
	Wexford
South-West	Cork City
	Cork County
	Kerry